

OVER THE BACK FENCE NEWS

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BETTER BE GOOD SANTA IS COMING



HERE'S RUBY!!

Welcome to Ruby Morrow, our new resident in apartment A105.

Ruby was born in Georgia and lived many years in Central America. This lady has many, many experiences to share as a result of her traveling an estimated two-thirds of the world in pursuit of her many interests. Her husband, Howard "Spud" Morrow, was a member of San Bernardino Lodge #348. As she tells it, Howard was quite an entrepreneur and author. Ruby will be pleased to discuss his book "How Good It Is" with you if you are fortunate enough to sit and visit a while. When asked about hobbies, her reply is "live, love, laugh and enjoy life".

.....Interview by Milt Freer

SINGING IN HARMONY

On a recent Sunday afternoon, we were treated to an hour performance of the Sweet Adeline Quartet, "Clueless". Their show was a great mixture of recognizable tunes including the theme from the TV show "Cheers" to a standard Barbershop Contest number, "Piano Roll Blues".

They were a delight to behold. Most of their songs were more of the performance type of music, instead of the "old pole cat" numbers like "Down Our Way" and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean". While the individuals have been singing Barbershop Music for many years, they are a relatively new quartet as a performing group. That is why their musical selection was so diverse and fun.

It was an honor to hear them in a concert setting. I speak for many of our residents, who heard them, who would welcome them back again in the future.

.....By Steve Hawkins, Resident

ALARM ALERT

In case you accidentally set off the alarm on your cupboard safe, all you have to do to disarm it is to press the hashtag key, enter your four digit code, then the hashtag key again and the alarm will stop.

.....Dave Studer, Resident

A VERY HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

08 – Clara Bente

18 – Robert Reidel

11 – Lyn Efren

23 – Lyn Efren

13 – Grace Knupp

31 – Barbara Drummond

AND DECEMBER'S SPECIAL DATES:

02 – Hanukkah

19 – Annual Grand Master's Holiday Dinner

25 – Christmas Day

31 – New Year's Eve

GARDEN GROVE GEM THEATER

On Friday, November 30, 7 residents, Shari and our bus driver, Jason, headed out to Garden Grove to enjoy their annual Christmas Show. At first we had to inch along on the Freeway as there was a 2-car accident, and we were worried we might miss the opening of the show, however once our bus got past that, Jason had us tooling along in the HOV lane and we had to wait for the theater to open their door as we were early. This was the fifth year for this Christmas Show and it was announced that next year they will do a different play.

We were treated to some outstanding choreography, music, Santa and Mrs. Claus and an old-fashioned sing along of some of our Christmas favorites. The productions at this theater have always been outstanding and those of us who saw "Hello Dolly" and this Christmas Show are looking forward to their 2019 Season.

COVINA CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Masonic Homes became part of Covina's 68th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Nine of us including Shari and our driver, Jason, boarded our bus and went to the area where we checked in and were assigned our spot in the parade. It was a rather long wait, but we were able to see many of the floats as they proceeded to their areas. This was an outstanding experience and we were all amazed at the huge number of people on the streets watching. There were bright, colorful lights around each window of our bus and each of us wore a necklace with bright colored lights and a red and white Santa hat. We waved to all of those watching and a great many waved back. There was a large band directly in front of us in the parade, which we enjoyed very much. There were 4 reviewing stands along the one-mile route and at each one they welcomed us to the parade and told what the Masonic Homes is.

Thank you Shari and Jason for this very unusual experience. Hope we will do it again next year.

.....Lois Gray, Resident

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME PHENOMENON

This will be the only time you will see this phenomenon in your life unless you live to be **824 years old!** December 2018:

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

December this year will have 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. It only happens once every 823 years.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



